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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Andrew Ellington

Group Art Unit:

1634

Serial No.: 09/776,252

Examiner:

B.J. Forman

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AMENDMENT; INTERVIEW SUMMARY; REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111; AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2004, for which the threemonth deadline for response was March 7, 2005. A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to April 7, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard as evidence of receipt.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; the Interview Summary begins on page 4; Remarks begin on page 4; and the Request for Extension of Time begins on page 7.

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